

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Bartlett R7
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[The first five documents are from the Library of Virginia:]

[Letter-number combinations in brackets refer to federal pension applications.]

Pay Roll for the State Boat Liberty Lieutenant Michael James Commander

Time of Entry	Mens Names	Stations	Pay per Day [shillings]	Pay per month	Time paid up to	Amount of pay	Months	Days
1784								
August 3	Michael James [R47]	Commander	8/		12 January 1785	£64.16._		162
October 5	John Ewing [R3415]	Pilot	4/		12 D[ott]o	19.16._		99
5	Stephen Dunton	Seaman		£3.0.0	Do	9.14._	3	7
12	John Pickett	Do		2.8._	Do	7.4._	3	
20	William Rogers	Do		2.14._	Do	7.7._	2	23
"	Michael Dixon	Do		1.16._	Do	4.18.3½	2	23
"	Mathew Cook [R2268]	Boy		1.10._	Do	4.2._	2	23
November 1	Benj'n Rudd [W5756]	Seaman		3.0._	Do	7.4._	2	12
13	Edward Bully	Boatswaine		4.0._	Do	7.17.4		
	William Bush	Public negro						
October 12	P Bartlett	Surgeon for Both Boats		5.0.0	Do	15.0.0	3	
						£147.18.7½		

The foregoing is a True copy of }
 a paper now on file in this office.}

Given under my hand at the Auditors office
 Richmond, this 3rd day of December 1844

James E Heath Auditor

E. E[?] Jas Barron

Elizabeth City County to wit, [20 Feb 1844]

Before me William Hope a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Nancy Payne an aged and respectable Inhabitant of the town of Hampton and county aforesaid, and being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God says she was well acquainted with Dr Phillip Bartlett of the Town of Hampton and County aforesaid during the revolutionary war – the said Bartlett was a Surgeon in the State Navy of Virginia and as this deponent well knows, he was the Surgeon of on or more vessels in the said State Navy, and was in actual Service at or about the period when the British Surrendered to the American Army at York in the year 1781 and the said Bartlett continued attached to the navy untill the close of the war. The deponant speaks of this with certain positiveness as she knew him to be the Surgeon of the State Schooner the Patriot at the time of the close of the War, this deponent also knows that after the war, probably for two or three years the said Bartlett continued in the service on board of the boat Liberty which was then commanded by Captain Richard Barron [pension application R5] of the said State Navy, with whose family the deponent was very intimate and was in almost daily habits of intercourse.

Nancy herXmark Payne

Norfolk Borough to wit

Before me W. D. Delany, Mayor of the Borough of Norfolk aforesaid, personally appeared Jonathan Kay esquire well known to me as a respectable citizen of the county of Norfolk and as to whose statements full credit are due and being duly sworn deposed and saith, that he is now in the 78th year of his age, and although two young to have taken any active part in the war of the revolution yet his recollections of the events of that war, are still very vivid in his mind, and he retains a distinct personal knowledge of many of the officers who took part in that contest. this affiant states that his father, John Kay, was an officer in the division of troops attached to the command of General Thomas Mathews stationed in and about the town of Portsmouth and its vicinity known as Fort Nelson, during the war aforesaid then holding the rank of ensign; That he was subsequently transfered to the mariene service of the State of virginia and in the year 1781 he was attached to the armed Galley belonging to the navy of the aforesaid State called the “Henry” commanded by Captain Michael James, among the other officers to the best of his recollection belonging to the vessel at the period refered to, known to this affiant, and whose name has occured to him is that of her Surgeon Dr Bartlett. how long each of these officers continued in Service, he does not know with entire distinctness, but to the best of his recollection knowledge and belief they severally served untill the end of the war

Jonathan Kay

Elizabeth City County, Virginia to wit, [13 June 1844]

Before John Tabb[?] a Justice of the peace in and for the County afores’d personally appeard Mrs. Catharine Ward of the said County, & made oath that she was well acquainted with William Graves [pension application X306] of the said County who was, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a Lieutenant of the State navy of Virginia, during the war of the revolution. She knew him as being in the s’d service, some time about the year 1781, from the fact that this affiant was the owner of a faithfull slave who was a pilot on board of one of the vessels of the navy of which the said Graves was the Lieutenant, and the said slave Cuffee having died in that year from injuries received in the service. She does not remember the name of the Captain of the said vessel, but she well remembers that the Surgeons name was Dr Phillip Bartlett and both the Doctor & Lt Graves served until the close of the war and she thinks to the best of her recollection that both continued in the service from some time afterwards

Mary C Ward

Borough of Norfolk }
State of Virginia } to wit

Personally appeared before me William G Camp Alderman of the borough aforesaid Com’r [Commodore] James Barron [pension application W12264] U S. navy who being first duly sworn says – “I was well

acquainted with Dr P Bartlett remember well when he came from New England to Virginia and was a Surgeon in the navy of Virginia about he same time with Dr John Applewhite [sic: John Applewhaite, pension application W12129] to the best of my recollection. He Dr Bartlett served to the end of the war; I remember distinctly his serving in the state navy afore'd. under the command of my Father [Capt., later Commodore, James Barron, Sr.] James Barron

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, Alderman as afore'd at the Borough aforesaid this 27th november 1844. Wm. G Camp alderman

[The following two documents are in the file of the federal pension application.]

At a Circuit Superior Court of law and Chancery for Henrico County and the City of Richmond, on the common law side – held June 24th 1846.

John Jones Sheriff of Elizabeth County, and as such }
adm'or of Doct'r. Philip Bartlett dec'd – appellant }
against }

The Commonwealth } upon an
appeal from a decision of the Auditor of Public Accounts rejecting a certain claim of the
appellant against the Commonwealth for services rendered by the said Philip Bartlett in his
lifetime as a Surgeon in the revolutionary War.

This day came as well the appellant by his attorney as the Attorney General on behalf of the Commonwealth; and the said appellant pursuant to leave heretofore grant, filed his petition, to which the said Auditor filed his answer

and it appearing by the evidence on the part of the appellant filed in this cause, that the said Philip Bartlett was a Surgeon in the State Navy in the revolutionary War, and continued to serve as such till the end of the War, the Court is of opinion that he was entitled to half pay during his life, and that the said Auditor of Public accounts erred in rejecting the claim thereto presented by the appellant. It is therefore ordered that the said Auditor do issue and deliver to the Appellant a warrant on the Treasury of this Commonwealth for the said half pay, to wit; from the 23^d day of April 1783, till the death of the said Philip Bartlett, which occurred on the first day of July 1809.

Pension Office March 29, 1850

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Philip Bartlett, deceased, who claims commutation under the acts of July 5, 1832 and March 3, 1835, on account of the service of said Bartlett as a Surgeon in the Virginia State Navy, and I find that said Bartlett served to the end of the revolutionary war. The claim should therefore in my opinion be allowed, and I accordingly certify that five years full pay is due, amounting to eighteen hundred and twenty five dollars, with interest at six percent per annum from the twenty second of April seventeen hundred and eighty three to the present time, deducting the whole amount which has heretofore been paid at the Treasury Department on account of half-pay. The claim is payable to James G. Berret, substitute of Frederick Vincent, attorney of John Jones, of Elizabeth City County, Virginia, administrator of said Bartlett.

Approved Secretary of the Interior

NOTE: In the Library of Virginia is a document dated 6 April 1846 in Princess Ann County VA certifying that Phillip Bartlett "died some time during the year 1800, leaving an only brother Samuel Bartlett, which said Samuel died about the year 1820, leaving two sons James and Thomas his heirs at law, and that the said Thomas died at Sea unmarried leaving his brother James surviving him." Also in the Library of Virginia is a petition for Bounty Land to the Governor of Virginia from James Bartlett, heir of Dr. Philip Bartlett, marked "Rejected Aug 19th 1847."